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Reply to Office Action of December 20, 2004

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 10. These sheets, which include Figs. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 10, replace the original sheets including Figs. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 10.

Attachment: 5 Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-28 are presently active in this case. The present Amendment amends Claim 15.

The outstanding Office Action objected to the drawings as failing to comply with 37 CFR § 1.84(p)(5). The specification of the disclosure is objected to because of informalities. Claim 15 was objected to because of informalities.

Claims 1-28 were indicated as allowed. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

In response to the objection to the drawings, submitted herewith is a Letter Submitting Drawing Sheets along with 5 Replacement Sheets for Figs. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 10 adding or deleting the appropriate labels. In Fig. 1, reference character 22 is amended to 24 and reference character 24 is added, since it is mentioned in the specification. In Fig. 2, reference character 52 is added since it is mentioned in the specification and reference character 28 is deleted. In Fig. 3, reference characters 61BK, 61Y, 61M, 61C, 63BK, 63Y, 63M, 63C are deleted. In Fig. 4, reference character 69 is deleted. In Fig. 10, the reference character 496c is deleted.

In response to the objection to the specification, the specification is amended to correct the noted informality to recite "on the surface of the intermediate transfer belt 10 as liquid repelling treatment" at page 16, line 18 and to recite "the metering blade 94 measures the fixer quantity on the supplying roller 91," at page 20, line 2.

In response to the objection to Claim 15, Claim 15 is amended to correct "said fixer"

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to "a fixer" correcting the noted informality.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal Allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-28 is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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